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E.O. 11652: GDS

SUBJECT: SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE ARMED FORCES AND ALL THREE
MILITARY CHIEFS OF STAFF RESIGN

1. WE ARE RELIABLY INFORMED THAT APPARENTLY AS A RESULT GX
PRESIDENT BALAGUER'S HAVING NAMED GENERAL NEIT NIVAR AS CHIEF
OF POLICE, SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE ARMED FORCES (EQUIVALENT
TO SECRETARY OF DEFENSE) ADMIRAL JIMENEZ AS WELL AS ARMY CHIEF
OF STAFF GENERAL PEREZ Y PEREZ, AIR FORCE CHIEF OF STAFF
GENERAL LLUBERES MONTAS AND NAVY CHIEF OF STAFF COMODORO LOGRONO
CONTIN PERSONALLY SUBMITTED THEIR RESIGNATIONS TO PRESIDENT
BALAGUER. ACCORDING TO SAME RELIABLE INFORMANT BALAGUER
ACCEPTED RESIGNATIONS WITH UNANIMITY AND BEGAN NAMING
REPLACEMENTS.

2. EARLY THIS MORNING, PRESIDENT BALAGUER WENT TO SAN ISIDRO
AFB, READ RESIGNATION OF GENERAL LLUBERES AND NAMED COL. RENATO
MALAGON, A DEPUTY CHIEF, AS THE NEW AF CHIEF OF STAFF.
SIMILARLY WITH THE NAVY, HE NAMED COMODORO RIVERA CAMINERO AS
NEW NAVY CHIEF OF STAFF. WE UNDERSTAND THAT PRESIDENT BALAGUER
IS IN THE PROCESS OF NAMING REPLACEMENTS FOR ADMIRAL JIMENEZ AND
GENERAL PEREZ Y PEREZ.

3. IN TELEPHONE CONVERSATION THIS MORNING WITH EMBOFF,
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ADMIRAL JIMENEZ SAID THAT RESIGNATIONS WERE NOT DESIGNED AS

ACTIONS AGAINST PRESIDENT BALAGUER BUT MANIFESTATION THEIR
REFUSAL TO ACCEPT GENERAL NEIT NIVAR AS POLICE CHIEF.

4. COMMENT: SANTO DOMINGO APPEARS CALM. ALL AF PERSONNEL
HAVE HAD LEAVES CANCELED AND ARE IN BARRACKS. AT THIS STAGE IT IS
DIFFICULT TO PREDICT WITH ASSURANCE WHETHER ANY BRIGADE OR
BATTALION COMMANDERS WILL REACT. SO FAR, BALAGUER HAS MOVED
QUICKLY TO AVOID POWER VACUUM IN TOP ECHELONS OF MILITARY.

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